

KBMT on its primary channel. It is important to note that this multicast channel, like numerous similar network affiliates that are broadcast on multicast channels across the country, is a full-fledged network station providing viewers with a full slate of a network's programming to the same geographic area as the station's other digital channel that broadcasts ABC programming. There is no rational public policy reason to treat the two network channels differently under copyright law.

Unfortunately, H.R. 3570, the Satellite Home Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act of 2009, enables DBS companies to impede and undermine multicast network affiliates. By re-defining a household capable of receiving a local network signal through the air as "unserved" if the signal is delivered via digital multicast technology, Sections 3(h)(1) and 3(h)(6) of H.R. 3570 together allow DBS companies to import distant network affiliates that duplicate the programming of the local, multicast network affiliate. This provision will not only undermine existing multicast stations, but it will also give local stations far less incentive to multicast an additional local network affiliate in the future if large numbers of potential viewers are already receiving an affiliate of that network through a DBS provider. Thus, these provisions may deprive viewers of locally-oriented programming by undermining existing multicast arrangements and removing the incentive for local stations to continue to offer or roll out new multicast network affiliated channels.

While H.R. 3570 only provides satellite companies this ability for 3 years following enactment, after the recent economic downturn, the next three years will be critical to the development of new, innovative, free, over-the-air digital network broadcast services, including networks that contain programming developed for ethnic minorities. Sections 3(h)(1) and 3(h)(6) of H.R. 3570 should be changed to ensure that DBS companies cannot import a distant network signal that duplicates a local network affiliated multicast station.

Additionally, as twelve members of the House Judiciary Committee stated in the additional views that were filed in the report language that accompanied H.R. 3570, "the preference in section three of the bill may result in discouraging free over-the-air local broadcasters from affiliating with more than one network and developing a market-based solution to the 'missing network affiliate' problem. This would limit the number of free network programming options available to consumers and, in effect, require consumers to subscribe to pay television to receive network they might otherwise have been able to view for free."

We appreciate your attention to this critically important issue. As you continue to work on the reauthorization of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act during a House-Senate conference committee, we encourage you to support the approach to protecting multicast channels that was adopted by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

Frank Kratochvil; Roy Blunt; Tom Cole; Alan Mollohan; Rodney Alexander; Michael McMahon; Brett Guthrie; Bob Filner; Thomas Rooney; Nick J. Rahall; Christopher Lee; Gregory Meeks; Blaine Luetkemeyer; Raúl Grijalva; Shelley Capito; Sam Farr.

## IN HONOR OF DECATUR TRADES & LABOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Decatur Trades and Labor Assembly on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. For over 5 decades, this Council of affiliated unions has improved the lives of working families in Decatur, Illinois and the regions that surround it.

From day one, Decatur Trades and Labor made a positive impact on local residents. Its Council fought hard to organize the unorganized, giving more workers the opportunity to bargain collectively and access the American Dream. For those already under union contract, the Council was a fierce advocate for better wages, benefits, and working conditions. Each victory it achieved helped all workers, union or nonunion, affiliated or non-affiliated. Decatur Trades and Labor recognized early on that a rising tide lifts all boats.

The great work of Decatur Trades and Labor went far beyond the union bargaining table. It worked with groups like the NAACP to achieve racial justice. It promoted blood drives for the American Red Cross and food drives for the hungry. It registered people to vote. And it encouraged members to give what they could to local charities.

Fifty years later, Decatur Trades and Labor remains a staple in the community. Everywhere you go, there are living testaments to the Council's great work. But it is a landmark downtown—the monument honoring fallen and injured workers—that sticks out most in my mind. Nearly every April, I travel to that monument for Workers Memorial Day. It is a towering reminder of our moral obligation to ensure workers return home safely to their families each and every night. We have Decatur Trades and Labor to thank for making it such a unique focal point of the city's downtown.

On this golden anniversary, I thank Decatur Trades and Labor for making the city it calls home a better place to live. I look forward to seeing what more it can accomplish in the next 50 years.

## HONORING FREEMAN HRABOWSKI

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Freeman Hrabowski, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, who has recently been honored as one of Time magazine's 10 Best College Presidents.

President Hrabowski's deep commitment to fostering talented students, especially in science and math, has helped increase UMBC's number of African-American science and engineering majors sevenfold. Today, UMBC is one of America's biggest producers of African-American science and engineering Ph.D.s. As a fellow college president put it, President Hrabowski "has taught all of higher education that minority and low-income students . . . can meet the highest standards and excel."

Those high standards are, importantly, a matter of national competitiveness—but they are also a measure of this nation's promise of equality. As a child in Alabama, Freeman Hrabowski remembers Martin Luther King, Jr. telling civil rights marchers: "What you do this day will have an impact on generations as yet unborn." Today, at places like UMBC, that promise is coming true in the lives of the young men and women who are making the most of what those marchers won for them.

I join the members of the Maryland House delegation in thanking President Hrabowski for his commitment to his students and his extraordinary contribution to higher education. We congratulate him for this much-deserved recognition of his achievements.

## RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE NATIONAL GUARD ON ITS 373RD ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 940 recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary.

The security and freedom we enjoy in the United States of America is due in great part to the sacrifices made by the oldest component of the Armed Forces, the National Guard. From the Revolutionary War to the latest military operations in the Middle East, the Citizen-Soldiers of the National Guard have competently responded to the call of duty. In addition to serving overseas, these men and women make up the forces in the state divisions, such as the Texas National Guard, and have been key in serving the local community during natural disasters and civil emergencies.

As we reflect on the 68th anniversary of Pearl Harbor this week, it reminds us of the ultimate sacrifice members of the National Guard have bravely made, and will continue to make, for our country. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 940 to recognize and honor the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary.

## HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN ARBORETUM

### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum, and to recognize the efforts of the community organization Friends of the Arboretum. Since June 17, 1934, Madison area citizens have worked with University of Wisconsin officials to develop and maintain an invaluable collection of restored ecosystems. Though thousands of committed people have contributed to the Arboretum in countless ways, one group in particular offers an ideal example of dedication to